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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer,

AND

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

NASHUA, N. H.,
TELEGRAPH PUBLISHING CO., PRINTERS,
1891.

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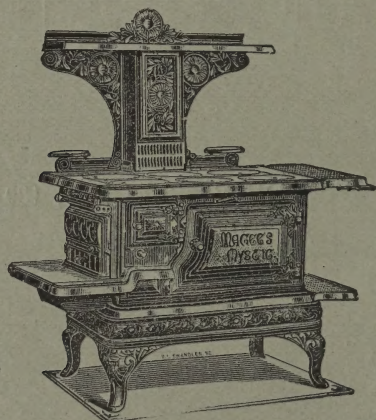
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

		VALUE.
Number acres resident land,	15,937	\$363,097
“ “ non-resident land,	3,278	91,095
“ “ polls,	249	24,900
“ horses,	208	17,325
“ oxen,	38	1,990
“ cows,	519	12,887
“ other neat stock,	134	2,263
“ sheep,	75	411
“ hogs,	6	40
“ carriages,	8	580
“ fowl,	495	453
Stock in banks and other corporations,		10,360
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,		5,500
Stock in trade,		13,475
Mills and machinery,		13,450
Total valuation,		\$557,826
Dog tax,		106
Rate per cent. on \$100 on state, county, town and school taxes,		1.10
Railroad stock in town :		SHARES.
Concord,		147
Nashua & Lowell,		115
Peterborough,		54
Northern,		75
Wilton,		29
Manchester & Lawrence,		71
		491

HIGHWAY—SUMMER BILLS.

EXPENSE WITH ROAD MACHINE.

Richard H. Hanson,	\$259 50
James W. Longa,	102 00
Henry S. Patten,	59 50
Anson S. Longa,	59 50
Harrison F. Green,	56 00
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	\$536 50
H. A. Harris, labor and gravel,	\$2 24
James M. Fosdick, sharpening drills,	1 15
T. C. Kittredge, labor in 1889,	18 22
James R. Walker, labor on highway,	2 50
Daniel Jones, " "	2 37
Richard Fretts, " "	50
H. A. Porter, " "	50 50
Heirs of Thomas Parker, gravel,	8 85
Frank S. Weishaupt, labor on highway,	10 00
Isaac A. Hodgman, " "	40 36
Brian O'Connor, " "	20 00
H. S. Fields, " "	31 92
Geo. W. West, " "	26 50
Geo. E. Patterson, " "	45 23
C. C. Beard, " "	28 55
Samuel Humphrey, " "	30 00
T. C. Kittredge, " "	32 80
A. S. Longa, " "	30 00
H. A. Porter, " "	27 00
A. S. Longa, " "	39 71
H. F. Herrick, " "	41 75
S. W. Barlow, sharpening drills,	5 42
A. S. Longa, labor on highway,	20 36
Isaac A. Hodgman, labor on highway,	14 50
Harrison E. Herrick, " "	7 00
Geo. A. Bean, " "	35 00
Henry A. Harris, pipe and drawing same,	34 55

Richard H. Hanson, labor on highway,	60 00
W. P. Melvin, " "	40 00
Geo. W. West, " "	16 20
Harrison E. Herrick, " "	4 00
A. A. Jenkins, " "	49 76
H. A. Harris, gravel,	10 24
Geo. E. Patterson, gravel,	5 44
" " " labor on highway,	42 58
Henry A. Lawrence, " "	18 50
C. G. Lawrence, " "	26 75
C. A. Porter, " "	7 00
W. P. Melvin, labor and money paid out on hill near Mrs. Wheeler's,	52 35
G. S. Parkhurst, labor,	17 60
H. L. Wilson, posts and railings for roads,	6 60
George E. Patterson, labor,	12 50
James W. Longa, labor, gravel, and money paid out,	32 85
Frank S. Weishaupt, labor,	15 00
Fessenden and Lowell, labor,	43 75
F. A. Gordon, gravel,	5 82
C. S. Nesmith, posts and rails for bridge near W. Darrah,	3 50
C. C. Beard, labor,	9 00
H. F. Herrick, labor,	10 50
Total,	<hr/> \$1,096 92

HIGHWAY—WINTER BILLS.

A. S. Longa, breaking roads and snowing bridge,	\$14 70
Frank S. Weishaupt, breaking roads,	6 85
Levi W. Fisher, " " in '88 and '89,	3 83
C. H. Longa, " "	6 00
C. C. Beard, " "	16 10
Richard Fretts, " "	9 51
Geo. W. West, " "	7 85
Samuel Humphrey, " "	4 50

John O. Spalding,	"	"	3 15
Brian O'Connor,	"	"	2 27
H. S. Fields,	"	"	3 50
R. H. Hanson,	"	"	8 87
Chas. E. Grater,	"	"	4 50
Wm. P. Melvin,	"	"	9 65
A. A. Junkins,	"	"	4 50
Geo. S. Parkhurst,	"	"	4 00
H. A. Porter,	"	"	9 00
Frank S. Weishaupt,	"	"	3 00
Isaac A. Hodgman,	"	"	4 50
Geo. W. West,	"	"	6 30
T. C. Kittredge,	"	" summer and w. bill,	15 67
Samuel Humphrey,	"	" " " " "	6 50
A. S. Longa,	"	" and snowing bridge,	18 00
Brian O'Conner,	"	" and gravel,	7 23
W. P. Melvin,	"	"	6 10
C. C. Beard,	"	"	9 50
Geo. E. Patterson,	"	"	1 70
A. A. Junkins,	"	"	9 00
Henry F. Herrick,	"	"	4 00
H. S. Fields,	"	"	10 00
Richard H. Hanson,	"	"	7 95
Geo. R. Green,	"	"	2 40
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			\$230 68

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Francis A. Gordon, treasurer McGaw Normal Institute, tuitions for scholars,	\$700 00
Edwin M. Parker, for school books and supplies,	214 97
Campbell & Williams, for printing reports, etc.,	30 00
Geo. A. Jones, housing road machine, 1889,	1 00
Geo. W. Darrah, special appropriation for James S. Thornton Post, G. A. R.,	50 00
Harrison E. Herrick, agent to sell liquor one year,	25 00

Geo. E. Blanchard, keeping tramps,	40 20
H. A. Harris, time and expense in S. P. Dean case,	27 42
H. S. Fields, damage to wagon,	3 25
Wm. R. Melvin, insurance on No. 4 school house,	2 40
Henry M. Carroll, 1-2 acre of land for gravel,	25 00
E. A. George, damage done land making road,	10 00
Luther Kittredge, service as town auditor,	3 00
Wm. M. West, " " "	1 00
Anson S. Longa, cutting bushes in old grave yard,	3 00
Geo. W. Darrah, services as moderator and supervisor,	7 00
Dana R. Hutchinson, services as moderator, March election,	5 00
Horace W. Wilson, damage done hens by dogs in 1889,	5 00
Wm. O. Reynolds, painting guide boards,	47 50
Leonard Farley, making 45 guide boards,	20 25
H. E. Herrick, repairs on tramp house,	13 33
Tyler T. Longa, one stone hammer,	2 00
McKean & Andrews, insurance on town house,	35 00
Asbury Sanders, use watering trough,	3 00
James B. Elliott, blacksmith work,	6 84
Fessenden & Lowell, plank, boards and railing,	21 35
H. A. Porter, hens killed by stray dog,	14 25
W. S. Reed, " " " " "	15 00
Dr. W. W. Pillsbury, returns of births and deaths,	5 00
H. E. Herrick, services as supervisor and school clerk,	7 00
Frank P. Jones, services at burials,	32 00
Heirs of Joseph Blanchard, keeping tramps, 1889,	12 00
A. C. Darrah, watering trough,	3 00
Geo. E. Patterson, " "	3 00
John H. Upham,	3 00
G. A. Jones, housing road machine, 1890,	1 00
Wm. P. Melvin, 21 guide posts and setting same,	14 70
Wm. P. Melvin, books, stationery, postage and car fare,	11 90
J. B. Varich Co., powder, fuse and road tools,	4 95
Harrison E. Herrick, care of tramps,	6 95
H. A. Porter, services as member of school board,	45 00

C. M. Parker, " " " " "	55 00
H. A. Harris, " " " " "	50 00
E. M. Parker, " " town clerk,	35 00
C. S. Nesmith, " " town treasurer,	60 00
C. S. Nesmith, " " agent and expenses as agent Gage fund,	40 00
Frank P. Jones, services as collector of taxes,	75 00
Wm. P. Melvin, " " 1st selectman,	85 00
Henry A. Harris, " " 2d selectman,	75 00
Harrison E. Herrick, services as 3d selectman,	65 00
Henry A. Harris, car fare, stationery and postage,	8 05
Henry A. Harris, time and expense in "arrears of taxes" case,	2 98
Wm. P. Melvin, time and expense in "arrears of taxes" case,	6 90
Wm. P. Melvin, money paid for witnesses in "arrears of taxes" case,	35 04
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	\$2,074 23

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Frank R. Jones, discount on tax list 1890,	\$256 90
Geo. R. Butterfield, abatement of tax on carriage,	77
Matthew R. Nichols, " " " dog,	1 00
Mrs. H. B. Harris, " " " " 1889,	1 00
John Stevens, " " " "	1 00
Frances A. Chamberlin, abatement of poll tax,	1 10
H. A. Porter, " " overtax,	55
Frank P. Jones, abatement on tax list 1890,	17 05
Frank P. Jones, " " " for 1888,	4 80
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	\$284 17

TOWN POOR.

H. A. Harris, aid to E. A. Hill family,	\$19 53
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COUNTY POOR.

Wm. P. Melvin, aid to Joseph B. Pierce,	\$86 59
Henry A. Harris, " G. W. Dutton,	10 54
Wm. P. Melvin, coffin for Wm. Ashwood,	15 00
Dr. W. W. Pillsbury, professional service to J. B. Pierce,	1 00
Lewis J. Reed, care of Wm. Ashwood,	4 00
H. A. Harris, aid to G. W. Alexander,	7 16
Dr. W. W. Pillsbury, professional services to Mrs. G. W. Alexander,	6 00

SOLDIERS' AID.

Henry A. Harris, aid to Mrs. F. J. Woodward,	90 00
Wm. R. Melvin, " " "	30 00
Haseltine & Co. " Mrs. Ezra Bondette,	72 00
Wm. P. Melvin, " " "	39 00
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	\$361 29

RECAPITULATION.

Paid out on highways and bridges for the year ending March 1st, 1891,	\$1,096 92
Expense with road machine,	536 50
Winter bills,	230 63
Incidental expenses,	2,074 3

Town poor,	19 53
County poor,	361 29
Abatements and discounts,	284 17
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Total,	\$4,603 27

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. MELVIN,
 HENRY A. HARRIS,
 HARRISON E. HERRICK,
Selectmen of Merrimack.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts,
 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL JONES,
 CHARLES F. PATTERSON.

Auditors.

Statement of the investments of the Joseph N. Gage School Fund.

MARCH 1, 1891.

Manchester Savings bank, Manchester, N. H.,	\$5,681 25
Amoskeag " " " "	1,134 13
Guaranty " " " "	2,427 78
Mechanics " " Nashua, "	2,914 13
Nashua " " " "	2,086 00
Seven Shares Lawrence Nat'l bank, Lawrence, Mass.	875 00
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	\$1,5118 29

Income as received July 1, 1890 :

Manchester Savings bank,	255 64
Amoskeag " "	51 03
Guaranty " "	110 27
Mechanics " "	145 70
Lawrence National bank,	42 00
National Pemberton "	84 00
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	\$688 64

Statement of the investments of the Jane N. Gage School Fund.

MARCH 1, 1891.

Mechanics Savings bank, Nashua, N. H.,	\$2,000 00
Income from same July 1, 1890,	100 00
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Total amount for school purposes for year 1890, \$788 64

CHAS. S. NESMITH, *Trustee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Town of Merrimack in acct. with Chas. S. Nesmith, Treas.

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By balance in treasury, March 1, 1890,	\$180 77
Received of F. P. Jones, Collector, balance of tax list for 1889,	463 37
Received of F. P. Jones, Collector, interest on tax list for 1889,	6 42
Received of F. P. Jones, Collector, on ac- count of tax list for 1890,	5,343 33
Received of the Selectmen dividend on the Gage school fund,	788 64
Received as dividend on bank deposits,	48 94
" of State Treasurer, as railroad tax,	950 67
" " " " saving bank tax,	2,632 36
" " " " literary fund,	153 01
" " " " insurance tax,	3 75
" of Luther Reid for grass in cemetery at Thornton's,	1 00
Received of Anson A. Platts unexpended bal- ance on account of curtain appropriation,	10 50
Received of County for the care and support of paupers,	283 05
Received of Henry A. Harris, on account of fines in liquor case,	30 00
Received of Harrison E. Herrick, on account of liquor agency,	10 34
	\$10,906 15

DR.

To paid orders drawn on Treasurer for current year 1889,	\$282 35
Paid orders drawn on Treasurer for current year 1890,	4,412 55
Paid Treasurer of school board on account of school money for 1890,	2,438 64
Paid Treasurer of school board on account of school house repairs,	300 00
Paid County Treasurer county tax for 1890,	1,342 48
“ State Treasurer state “ “	1,850 00
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1891,	280 13
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	\$10,906 15

Dog tax assessed for the year 1889,	\$106 00
Damage caused by dogs and paid for the year ending March 1, 1890,	\$83 75
Discount on dog tax for the year ending March 1, 1890,	7 00
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	\$90 75
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Balance,	\$15 25

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

MARCH 1, 1891.

Due from the county for the support of paupers,	\$178 24
“ the town from F. P. Jones, on his tax list for 1890,	902 67
Balance in treasury, March 1, 1891,	280 13
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	\$1,361 04

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid orders drawn for the current year 1890,	\$190 72
Due the school board, unexpended money in 1890,	65 39
“ “ “ “ in dis-	
trict No. 8, 1885,	27 11
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	\$283 22
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$1,077 82

CHARLES S. NESMITH,
Town Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer of
Merrimack, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL JONES,
CHARLES F. PATTERSON,
MERRIMACK, March 2, 1891 *Auditors.*

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Merrimack for the year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.							
Jan. 25,	Merrimack	Marian McIntire.	Female	Living	Albert A. Junkins.	Clara P. Hill.	W.	Merrimack, N. H.	Farmer.	Bedford, N. H.	Lowell, Mass.
Feb. 25,	"	"	Female	"	Jonathan L. McIntyre.	Agnes Evans.	"	"	Carpenter.	Lyndboro, N. H.	Boston, "
Mar. 12,	"	"	Female	"	Andrew B. Gourley.	Esther M. Giddes.	"	"	Shoemaker.	Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.
Apr. 3,	"	Edward J. Monte.	Male	"	William Monte.	Amanda Dupont.	"	"	Painter.	Canada.	Canada.
Apr. 25,	"	"	Female	"	George H. Gilman.	Almira H. Grigg.	"	Lowell, Mass.	Carpenter.	Lowell, Mass.	Prince Edward Island
June 8,	"	Moses L. Foskett.	Male	"	George P. Foskett.	Martha A. Lake.	"	Merrimack, N. H.	Mechanic.	Stafford, Conn.	Chichester, N. H.
July 1,	"	"	Female	"	Dana R. Hutchinson.	Florie E. Welch.	"	"	Farmer.	Milford, N. H.	Manchester, "
" 15,	"	"	Female	"	David Burden.	Emily Heritage.	"	"	Mechanic.	England.	England
" 27,	"	"	Male	"	A. D. Abbott.	Anna L. Bailey.	"	"	Shoemaker.	Lyndboro, N. H.	Massachusetts
Aug. 18	"	"	Male	"	Wm. P. McQuesten.	Edith E. Richards.	"	"	Farmer.	Mc. Vernon, N. H.	Goffstown, N. H.
" 19,	"	"	Male	"	Sarell E. Clark.	Marcia Dow.	"	"	Farmer.	Dorchester, "	Laconia, "
Oct. 19,	"	"	Female	"	Frank H. Center.	Ella A. Dunn.	"	"	Mechanic.	Merrimack, "	Marlow, "
Nov 17,	"	William Watkins.	Male	"	George Watkins.	Eliza Hawton.	"	"	Cooper	England	England.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. M. PARKER, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES

Registered in the town of Merrimack, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 5,	Amherst...	Richard H. Center,	Merrimack, N.H.	59	W.	Farmer	Greenfield, N. H.,	Richard Center...	2d.	A. J. McGown,
		Almira Hutchinson	"	60	"		Brookline, "	Catherine Smith...	1st.	Amherst, N. H.
Sept. 20	Merrimack,	Henry W. Seavey..	"	22	"	Rail-turner.....	Bedford, "	Mary Leslie	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
		Eldora Stevens....	"	19	"		Merrimack, "	Lavinia Aldrich...	"	Merrimack, N. H.
Oct. 2,	"	Burton L. Farley..	"	20	"	Salesman	Southford, Conn..	John Stevens....	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
		Annie F. Walch....	"	19	"		Litchfield, N. H..	Dolly Vitty.....	"	Merrimack, N. H.
Nov. 9,	"	Charles H. Weston.	"	23	"	Farmer.....	Boston, Mass....	Leonard Farley..	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
		Lucy M. Haynes...	Acton, Mass.....	18	"		Maynard, "	Emma J. Leland..	"	Merrimack, N. H.
" 15,	"	Melvin Goay.....	Merrimack, N.H.	"	"	Laborer.....	Penobscot, Me....	James Walch....	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
		Alice Collier.....	"	"	"		Athol, Mass.....	Susan Beaman...	"	Merrimack, N. H.
" 26,	"	Henry A. Junkins..	"	25	"	Hostler.....	Merrimack, N. H.	Herbert E. Weston	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
		Jennie M. Bowers ..	Nashua,	21	"		Shirley, Mass....	Abbie George....	"	Merrimack, N. H.
								Sylvester Haynes	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
								Eliza Harwood...	"	Merrimack, N. H.
								Adam Gray.....	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
								Charlotte Gendal	2d.	Merrimack, N. H.
								Wm. A. Collier...	1st.	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
								Ellen A. Swan...	"	Merrimack, N. H.
								Albert A. Junkins	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
								Ellener Holt.....	"	Merrimack, N. H.
								Wm. Bowers.....	"	Rev. Elisha A. Keep,
								Mary Cahoon.....	"	Merrimack, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN M. PARKER, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS

Registered in the town of Merrimack, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex & Con.			Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.			
Jan. 13,	Merrimack,...	John Wheeler.....	71	..	9	Temple, N. H.....	M	..	W	Farmer...	Nathan Wheeler	— Cummings
" 21,	"	Maria L. Wilson.....	15	6	19	New Boston, N. H. ..	F	..	S	At Home..	Hiram Wilson..	Maria Sunbury.
Feb. 10,	"	Sarah K. Martin.....	76	6	..	Bedford, ..	F	..	W	Matron ...	Samuel Smith..	Hannah Atwood
Mar. 16,	"	Joseph Blanchard.....	81	9	..	Boston, Mass.....	M	..	M	Farmer ...	—	—
Apr. 1,	"	Martha Ireland.....	51	10	14	Repl'y, N. Y.....	F	..	W	Housewife.	Seneca Pierce...	Lucy Petcher...
June 30,	"	Richard Fretts.....	63	1	1	Merrimack, N. H.	M	..	M	Farmer ...	Henry Fretts...	Joanna Barnes..
Sept. 6,	"	Ely E. Bowers.....	73	2	4	Weare, ..	F	..	W	At Home..	Samuel Goveer..	Delina Welch..
Oct. 6,	"	Richardson E. Cheever	85	..	..	Lowell, Mass.....	M	..	M	Farmer ...	Moses Cheever.	—
Oct. 18,	"	Margaret Parker.....	92	1	..	England, ..	F	..	W	Matron.....	Thomas Procter	— Grant....
Nov. 12,	"	William Watkins.....	..	..	11	Merrimack, N. H.	M	..	..	.....	George Watkins	Eliza Hawton..

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN M. PARKER, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.



Citizens of Merrimack:—

With the close of another school year we present to you our annual report, general and statistical, asking your careful and candid consideration of the subject matter, and hoping for your charitable judgment of any mistake we may have made in the performance of our duties.

With the exception of a small balance, the appropriation for repairs on school-houses, etc., has been expended as the necessities of the several districts seemed to demand. The whole would have been used but for unfavorable weather delaying some repairs which are still needed. No. 7 house has been refurnished, painted, papered, etc., and a new stove purchased. Shingling in a number of districts has also been done. Another year should see No. 5 house refurnished, refloored, painted and papered inside, with other lesser repairs, while a considerable expenditure will be needed for small repairs in other districts. Let us make the surroundings of our scholars as pleasant as possible, and thus stimulate their love of order and refinement.

We notice that the Free Text-book Law seems to be working well both in the matter of the furnishing of the books by the town and in securing the benefits of uniformity.

While the past year has not witnessed in all points the degree of improvement in our schools which we could wish, still, viewed retrospectively, we feel assured that in a general way, or as a whole, they have been as successful as the attending circumstances justified us in expecting; and in a number of instances have shown marked improvement both as relates to methods employed in teaching, and results obtained. In a number of cases where a change of teachers became necessary, the results have not been satisfactory, which fact furnishes a strong argument in favor of the retention of teachers who have proven efficient, even though

it be necessary to advance their wages in order to secure their continued services. In two or three schools during a part of the year we have had the benefit of Normal School methods in teaching; and we think their superiority over the common methods are very apparent, both in the matter of the progress made by the pupils in their studies, and in the better general appearance of the school. We hope to witness these methods more generally employed, but we regret to say that they have not proven acceptable to some of the parents, indeed have met with such opposition as to seriously hinder the work of the teachers, who have thus learned that while a thorough course of study is *right* and a *necessity*, it is unpopular with many parents, who seem to esteem it a great point to have their children in the higher grades of books whether qualified or not; and if a teacher, in the conscientious discharge of her duty, puts them back into work in which they can make any real progress, she is pronounced "unqualified" or "partial." A really competent teacher should know better than any other what is best for the scholar. Our teachers should have the earnest and sympathetic co-operation of the parents, for the *best* teacher *alone* cannot make a school pleasant or productive of the greatest good. Too much is often expected of a teacher after the tiresome work of the day in the school-room, in the way of sociality. Let us not be too exacting in this matter. The nervous strain upon a teacher is often much greater than is generally supposed.

It is a matter of regret that in a few cases parents have removed their children from school apparently on account of some dissatisfaction with the teacher or dislike of her method of teaching. We should not expect all teachers to be models of our fancy. Our schools are public institutions, and when parents send their children there as scholars they should not dictate as to *how* they should *study*, or as to the length of the lesson. Scholars should understand that the *teachers* are the proper judges of such matters. It is a sad commentary upon our schools and their inducements that some of the most efficient teachers have come among us only to meet their first discourage-

ment in school work, and have sought other and more remunerative fields. Occasionally a teacher is met with whose only purpose seems to be to pass the time and obtain her money, but such cases are rare.

We have used our best endeavors to secure teachers suited to the needs and circumstances in each district, but in some instances our efforts have resulted in incurring the displeasure of some of the parents, which has expressed itself in no mild terms. All parents have the right to discuss in an honest way the management of their schools, but harsh invective will not pass for argument, nor are profane expletives a proper substitute for candid discussion.

Our work during the past year has more and more impressed us that our country schools occupy an important position as related, not only to the future welfare of the individual scholar, but to the permanency of the public free school system itself, as the promoter and defender of all that is highest and best in our free American institutions. Let us then guard it well and forget our individual preferences for the sake of the greater good of the greater number, in the interest of the scholar, the home, the future citizen and the *Nation*.

STUDIES.

No. of School.	TERMS.						No. of Scholars.		Reading and Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Natural History.	Philosophy.	Astronomy.
2	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	9	9	8	8	7	5	0	5	8				1				
2	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	5	5	5	5	5	1	3										
2	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	5	5	5	5	5	1	3					3					
3	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	28	28	23	24	24	6	2	13									
3	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	24	24	20	18	18	3	4	11	11								
3	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	21	21	21	21	15	3	2	10	10								
4	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	21	21	21	21	21	17	3										
4	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	19	19	19	19	17	12	4										
4	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	12	12	12	10	4	4											
5	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	13	13	13	10	8	5	1	8									
5	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	10	13	10	8	6	5	2					3					
5	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	8	13	8	5	5	2											
6	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	18	16	15	15	9	4		6		16			1				
6	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	13	13	13	13	7	3	1			13			1				
6	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	14	14	14	14	11	6	5			0			3				
7	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	10	15	15	10	9	6	1			1							
7	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	10	16	16	12	11	6	5			1							
7	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	12	18	18	15	11	4	6			2			4				
8	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	9	9	7	7	4	2											
8	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	9	9	7	7	6	4	1					1	1				
8	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	8	8	6	6	3	7	2					5	5				
9	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	15	15	15	15	14	9	2					2	2				
9	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	13	13	13	12	10	5	2	5				3	3				
9	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	14	14	14	12	11	5	4	5				2	2				
12	Spring	.	.	.	.	.	9	9	8	8	5	5		5				2	2				
12	Fall	.	.	.	.	.	9	9	8	8	5	5	2	5				3	3				
12	Winter	.	.	.	.	.	9	9	8	8	6	6	2	6				6	4				

No. of School.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per Month.	No. Weeks in Term.	Whole No. of Pupils.
2	Spring	Miss Maude M. Cass	\$26 00	10	9
2	Fall	" Cordelia Melendy	28 00	11	5
2	Winter	" Annie M. Blood	26 00	11	5
3	Spring	" Mary L. Haney	34 00	10	28
3	Fall	" Anna M. Merrill	34 00	10	24
3	Winter	" Anna M. Merrill	36 00	11	21
4	Spring	" Angie I. Marcy	30 00	10	21
4	Fall	" Angie I. Marcy	30 00	11	19
4	Winter	" Alice B. Sawyer	30 00	11	12
5	Spring	" Florence N. Hobart	26 00	10	13
5	Fall	" Mabel L. Edson	26 00	10	10
5	Winter	" Fannie B. Moore	26 00	12	8
6	Spring	" Fannie E. Brown	28 00	10	18
6	Fall	" Fannie E. Brown	28 00	9	13
6	Winter	" M. Ella Wright	28 00	13	14
7	Spring	" Florence E. Hutchinson	28 00	10	15
7	Fall	" Florence N. Hobart	28 00	10	16
7	Winter	" Grace P. Parkhurst	30 00	12	18
8	Spring	" Cordelia M. Melendy	28 00	10	9
8	Fall	" Ella L. S. Hodgman	28 00	11	9
8	Winter	" Ella L. S. Hodgman	28 00	11	8
9	Spring	" S. Ada Phillips	30 00	10	15
9	Fall	" S. Ada Phillips	30 00	11	13
9	Winter	" S. Ada Phillips	30 00	11	14
12	Spring	" Ellen M. Kennedy	26 00	10	9
12	Fall	" Ellen M. Kennedy	28 00	10	9
12	Winter	" Ellen M. Kennedy	28 00	12	9

Average No. of Pupils.	Average daily Attendance.	Per ct. daily Attendance.	Per ct. yearly Attendance.	No. of Pupils not Absent.	Instances of Tardiness	Half days lost non-member- ship.	Half days lost by members in Attendance.
8	7	87.00		5	27	10	39
5	4	80.00		0	41	37	43
5	4	80.00	83.00	2	38	3	31
26	24	92.30		8	10	000	291
22	21	95.45		1	47	276	381
16	14	87.50	80.00	2	28	291	304
20	19	95.00		9	40	72	41
16	14	87.50		3	49	22	35
11	10	90.90	87.50	1	43	11	52
13	11	91.66		7	61	170	49
7	5	71.43		—	17	320	134
3	3	90.00	80.00	9	5	374	—
15	13	88.03		5	5	170	175
13	13	99.42	93.00	3		2	95
13	13	92.30		2	17	92	131
14	14	90.00		3	31	60	72
14	5	71.00		1	93	246	210
18	12	87.50	87.80	1	—	79	10
8	7	87.50			41	149	38
8	7	87.50		2	1	80	78
7	7	92.30	85.80		—	22	86
14	14	100.00		7	63	60	78
12	12	100.00		5	21	115	55
12	11	92.00	92.00	5	40	248	71
8.6	8.5	98.00		8	—	40	10
8.7	8.5	98.00		8	—	30	21
8.5	8.5	85.00	93.00	7	—	—	48

TABLE OF EXPENSES.

	No. of School.	Total Expenses of each School.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.	Supplies.	Repairs and Furniture.	Cost of Fuel.	Cleaning School-Rooms and Out-houses.	Janitors.	Conveying Pupils.	Teachers' Wages, Spring Term.
1		\$65.00	\$77.00	\$71.50			\$6.50	\$3.00	\$6.25	\$98.40	\$98.40
2		85.00	85.00	99.00		3.80	15.95	4.00	6.50		229.25
3		75.00	82.50	82.50		63.77	16.37	4.50	6.45		299.25
4		65.00	65.00	78.00		27.92	13.34	1.75	6.70		331.09
5		70.00	63.00	91.00		1.90	6.50	.70	6.55		257.71
6		70.00	70.00	90.00		132.38	6.00	.50	6.50		239.65
7		70.00	77.00	77.00			6.65	2.50	6.45		375.38
8		75.00	82.50	82.50		12.42	33.63	3.00	8.70		339.60
9										25.50	297.75
10											25.50
11		65.00	70.00	84.00		16.00	12.57	.75	6.50		254.82
12		640.00	672.00	755.00		258.19	117.51	20.70	60.60	123 90	2648.40

SCHOOL REVENUE

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

Balance in hands of School Treasurer March 1, 1890,	\$10 20
Balance from Town Treasurer, on account of school money accrued for year ending March 1, 1890,	127 76
Received from Town Treasurer, on account of school money assessed for year ending March 1, 1891,	1,229 61
Literary fund,	151 06
Special appropriation on account of State Savings Bank tax,	141 57
Income of Joseph N. and Jane N. Gage funds,	788 64
Special appropriation for repairs,	300 00
Received by orders of Selectmen, as provision for furnishing text-books and school supplies under the "Free Text-Book Act,"	214 97
Interest on Savings Bank deposit,	13 63
Received by supplies sold,	1 00
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	\$2,978 44

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

Wages of teachers,	\$2,067 50
Fuel, preparing and housing same,	117 51
Text books and supplies procured for use under the "Free Text-Book Act,"	214 97
Supplies, other than those under the preceding item, including those now undistributed,	18 27
Janitors,	60 60
Conveying of pupils,	123 90
Cleaning school-rooms and out-buildings,	20 70

Permanent repairs, including furniture and apparatus, and material now on hand,	279 45
Miscellaneous, including printed and stationery matter,	6 23
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	\$2,909 13
Revenues for year,	\$2,978 44
Expenses,	2,909 13
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Balance in hands of School Treasurer,	\$69 31
Due from Town Treasurer, assessments,	65 39
Due from Town Treasurer to No. 8 school,	21 11
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Total balance for year ending March 1, 1892,	\$155 81

MERRIMACK, N. H., March ,2 1891.

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board of this town for the year ending March 1, 1891, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL JONES,
CHARLES T. PATTERSON,
Auditors.

The joint committee of the town and McGaw Normal Institute, under the contract between said town and school, submit their second report to the town :

Whole number of different town pupils attending the Institute under provisions of the contract during the year,	34
Number attending Spring term,	27
“ “ Fall term,	27
“ “ Winter term,	26

The work of the year has been most satisfactory to the Committee, and has fully justified their expectations and hopes. A much higher degree of proficiency has been attained than in the previous year, and much more satisfactory results gained, and easy, nay—better scholarship, better classification and better attendance.

The system has proved itself more than worthy of continuance, and the committee most earnestly recommend its renewal, with a just and reasonable appropriation. They feel certain that larger benefits still will be realized in the future, and the longer it is in operation ; and they feel that it would be a most serious mistake to think for a moment of doing otherwise, and one which the town of Merrimack is too generous and just and wise to make. Whatever we do, let us not rob the children of their education.

Respectfully but earnestly submitted,

ELISHA A. KEEP,

For the Committee.

MERRIMACK, N. H., March 2, 1891.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

First term : Lettie M. Wilson, Ella Maud Seavey, George H. Wilson.

Third term : Ella Maud Seavey.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

First term : Herbert Bennett, Minnie Corning, Dannie Bean, Clarence Taskett, Daisy B. Read, Arthur Truel, Ellen Truel.

Second term : Daniel Bean.

Third term : Herbert Bennett, Daisy Read.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

First term : Wilbert Blanchard, Charlie Holt, Carroll Holt, Etta Blanchard, Clara Griffin, Abbie Griffin, Dora Holt.

Second term : Dora Holt, Clara Griffin, Mamie Ferguson.

Third term : Etta Blanchard.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

First term : Mabel J. Brooks, Grace S. Brooks, Emma F. Humphrey, George H. Humphrey, Lizzie H. Kass, Lillian T. Kass.

Third term : Emma T. Humphrey, George H. Humphrey.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

First term : Augusta C. Hill, Ella I. Kittredge, Miller E. Junkins, Warren S. Fields, Elmer H. Fields.

Second term ; May L. Foster, Augusta C. Hill, Bertha E. Hill.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

First term: Wilburt Beard, Walter M. Beard, Tommie H. Watkins.

Second term: Laura A. Barlow.

Third term: May Watkins.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

First term: Walter E. Grant.

Second term: Grace W. Read, E. Jennie Genga.

Third term: Grace W. Read.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

First term: Norris E. Henderson, Eva G. Jones.

Second term: Norris E. Henderson, Josiah N. Henderson.

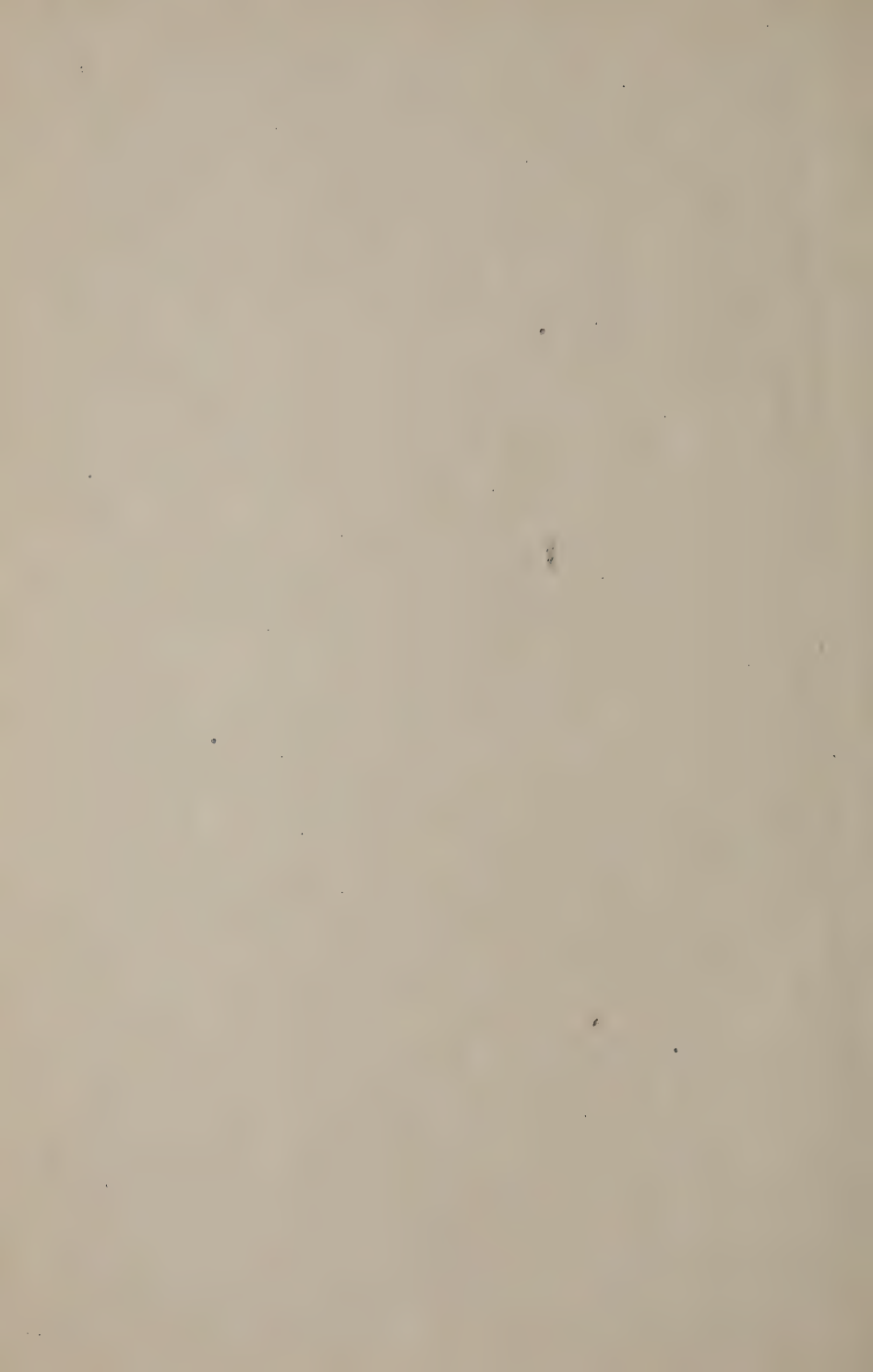
Third term: Josiah N. Henderson, Eddie Monte.

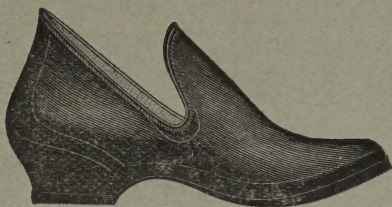
DISTRICT NO. 12.

First term: Allie H. Harris, Leroy E. Harris, Nellie Patterson, Ned Patterson, Horace Patterson, Ernest Morse, Porter Hamilton, Eliza Stevens.

Second term: Allie H. Harris, Leroy E. Harris, Nellie M. Patterson, Ned F. Patterson, Horace F. Patterson, Belle J. Kennedy, Ernest Morse.

Third term: Allie H. Harris, Leroy E. Harris, Belle J. Kennedy, Nellie M. Patterson, Ned F. Patterson, Ernest Morse, Warren F. Gould.





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